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SUBJECT: LAA U.S. CHECKING ACCOUNT

REF: A. VIENTIANE 0122-), B. VIENTIANE 0086-L, C. VIENTIANE
0070-), D. VIENTIANE 0150-C.

SUMMARY: THIS TELEGRAM REPORTS STATUS OF U.S. BANK
ACCOUNT OF NOW-DEFUNCT LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND
PARTICULARLY ON CREATION OF TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE
SCHOLARSHIP(S) FOR LAO STUDENTS IN THE U.S., A
CONTINGENCY PLAN WORKED OUT BY LAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAST JUNE IN ANTICIPATION OF LAA DISCOLUTION.
ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT TO NOTIFY U.S. BANK AND TRUST
ADMINISTRATOR OFFICIALLY OF DISSOLUTION OF LAA AND
PASS THEM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HAS A DOLLAR
CHECKING ACCOUNT (NO. 06598-2210) WITH THE BANK OF
AMERICA NT&SA, INTERNATIONAL SERVICES BRANCH,
550 MONTGOMERY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO 94111. THE
FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT REPRESENT SOLELY THE
ASSOCIATION'S RESERVES; ALL USIA GRANT FUNDS HAVE
BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

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2. ON JUNE 26, THE LAA PRESIDENT, TWO OTHER BOARD

MEMBERS AND THEN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND ACTING
DIRECTOR GLAUBERMAN, IN THE FACE OF DEPARTURE OF
NINE OF THE FOURTEEN BOARD MEMBERS AND FORESSING
THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT MIGHT
ABOLISH THE ASSOCIATION AND ATTEMPT TO SEIZE ITS ASSETS,
SIGNED A DULY NOTARIZED POWER OF ATTORNEY AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE UPON NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE CERTIFYING THAT THE LAO-AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION VIENTIANE HAS BEEN DISSOLVED,
THE FOLLOWING BECOMES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
SIGNATORIES OF THE BANK OF AMERICA
ACCOUNT NUMBER 06598-2210 DO BY THESE
PRESENTS HEREBY MAKE CONSTITUTE AND
APPOINT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, AT LOGAN,
UTAH, TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY OF THE
LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CHECKING
ACCOUNT NUMBER 06598-2210 WITH THE BANK
OF AMERICA AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THESE FUNDS
IN TRUST FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE DISSOLUTION
OF THE LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. IF WITHIN
ONE YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE
OF NOTIFICATION OF THE DISSOLUTION,
THE UNIVERSITY IS ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE THAT THE LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
HAS BEEN REACTIVATED, SAID FUNDS SHALL
BE RETURNED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION TO MAINTAIN
THE ASSOCIATION UNDER THE TERMS OF ITS
CONSTITUTION.

IF, ONE YEAR AFTER NOTIFICATION OF THE
DISSOLUTION OF THE LAO-AMERICAN
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ASSOCIATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
HAS NOT NOTIFIED THE UNIVERSITY THAT THE
LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HAS BEN RE-
ACTIVATED, SAID FUNDS SHALL BE USED
BY THE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH A TRUST
FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAO-AMERICAN
SCHOLARSHIP FUND, THE INTEREST FROM
WHICH WILL PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A

NEEDY LAO STUDENT TO STUDY IN A DEGREE
PROGRAM AT ANY LEVEL IN AGRICULTURE,
EDUCATION, ENGINEERING, FORESTRY OR
PUBLIC HEALTH AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY.
GRANTING AND GIVING UNTO SAID ATTORNEY
IN FACT FULL AUTHORITY AND POWER TO DO
AND PERFORM ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTS
NECESSARY OR INCIDENT TO THE PERFORMANCE
AND EXECUTION OF THE POWERS HEREIN
EXPRESSLY GRANTED, WITH POWER TO DO AND
PERFORM ALL ACTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY, AS
FULLY TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AS THE
GRANTORS MIGHT OR COULD DO IF PERSONALLY
PRESENT, WITH FULL POWER OF
SUBSTITUTION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAO-
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SIGNATORIES
OF BANK OF AMERICA ACCOUNT NUMBER 06598-
02210 HAVE HEREUNTO SET THEIR HANDS THIS
26TH DAY OF JUNE 1975.

/S/ /S/
BOUNLIENG PHOMMASOUVANH VALOUNNA CHOUNRAMANY
PRESIDENT AND SIGNATORY BOARD MEMBER AND SIGNATORY

/S/ /S/
WILLIAM CROTHERS STUART B. GLAUBERMAN
TREASURER AND SIGNATORY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND
SIGNATORY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
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ON JUNE 26, 1976

JUDITH RODES JOHNSON
CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

END QUOTE.

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3. IN A MEMO DATED JUNE 26, 1975, THE LAA PRESIDENT
AND THEN ACTING DIRECTOR GLAUBERMAN ASKED THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICER OF USIS/VIENTIANE THAT "IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION
AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR SENDING IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION BY TELEGRAM OR
TELEPHONE TO THE FOLLOWING APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE ASSOCIATION:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY WAS PREPARED IN TWO SIGNED ORIGINALS,
ONE OF WHICH WAS SENT TO DR. ALLEN AND THE OTHER TO
MS. DEMARDINEZ. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER COPY OF
POWER OF ATTORNEY OR OTHER DOCUMENTS WERE POUCHED TO
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DEPARTMENT OR USIA.

4. DR. ALLEN, A FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR IN LAOS 1974-75, IS THE CONTACT POINT FOR THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE TRUST FUND, WHILE MS. DEMARDINEZ IS THE BANK OFFICIAL TO WHOM MATTERS REGARDING THE LAA ACCOUNT ARE REFERRED. IN A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1975, TO ACTING DIRECTOR GLAUBERMAN, DR. ALLEN INFORMED GLAUBERMAN "I HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED BY THE UNIVERSITY TO STATE THAT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY IS WILLING TO ACT AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PLANNED TRUST." MISSION UNDERSTANDS MS. DEMARDINEZ ADVISED FORMER LAA DIRECTOR, FSIO RON POST, BY TELEPHONE THAT SHE CONSIDERS THE TRUST TO BE A VALID ONE.

5. ON JANUARY 16, DIRECTOR GLAUBERMAN WROTE MS. DEMARDINEZ, WITH A COPY FOR DR. ALLEN, NOTIFYING HER THAT THE LAA HAD BEEN DISSOLVED AND STATING "WE ARE REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO OFFICIALLY INSTRUCT THE BANK AND PROPOSED TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATOR DR. ROSS R. ALLEN TO FREEZE ACCOUNT NO. 6598-2210 AFTER ALLOWING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING CHECKS TO CLEAR, AND TO ACTIVATE THE POWER OF ATTORNEY ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND."

6. A TOTAL OF TWENTY-ONE (21) CHECKS ARE OUTSTANDING. THE CHECKS THAT SHOULD BE HONORED PRIOR TO FREEZING THE ACCOUNT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NO. 2095	DEC 2	AMERICAN EMBASSY/VIENTIANE	\$ 200.00
NO. 2096	DEC 4	LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	
		(BOA BANGKOK ACCOUNT	\$ 4000.00
NO. 2097	DEC 5	WORLD SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$ 60.00
NO. 2099	DEC 12	JOAN E. ROGERS	\$ 290.00
NO. 2100	DEC 12	STUART B. GLAUBERMAN	\$ 437.50
NO. 2101	DEC 17	AMERICAN EMBASSY/VIENTIANE	\$ 1000.00
NO. 2102	DEC 30	JOAN E. ROGERS	\$ 290.00
NO. 2103	DEC 30	STUART B. GLAUBERMAN	\$ 437.50
NO. 2104	JAN 5	SIRISOM VANITSAVETH	\$ 30.00
NO. 2105	JAN 5	TIME CLOCK SALES & SERVICE	\$ 68.31

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NO. 2106	JAN 5	AMERICAN EMBASSY/VIENTIANE	\$ 4.00
NO. 2107	JAN 15	JOAN E. ROGERS	\$ 290.00
NO. 2108	JAN 15	STUART B. GLAUBERMAN	\$ 437.50
NO. 2809	JAN 15	STUART B. GLAUBERMAN	\$ 180.00
NO. 2110	JAN 15	INESE CIVKULIS	\$ 231.00
NO. 2111	JAN 15	LOUISE NGUYEN VAN CHIEU	\$ 160.80
NO. 2113	JAN 15	HERB RATTIS	\$ 140.00
NO. 2114	JAN 15	TIM VALENTINE	\$ 223.00

NO. 2115	JAN 15	MAJORIE MANLEY	\$ 164.00
NO. 2116	JAN 15	CLAES BRATT	\$ 291.50
NO. 2117	JAN 15	LAO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	
		(BOA BANGKOK ACCOUNT)	\$ 342.22

7. THE BANK SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS MAY BE DEPOSITED TO THE ACCOUNT'S CREDIT DURING THE COMING YEAR, MONEY FROM CHECKING ACCOUNTS IN LAOS AND THAILAND AGAINST WHICH THERE CURRENTLY REMAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE REBATES FROM UN-EXPIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE ON LAA BUILDING AND PROPERTY.

8. CHECKBOOKS FOR REFERENCED ACCOUNT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE EMBASSY, AS WELL AS CHECKBOOKS FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S DOLLAR ACCOUNT IN THAILAND AND ITS KIP ACCOUNT IN LAOS.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT, IN CONSULTATION WITH USIA AND CITING AS AUTHORITY MFA NOTE NO. 56/AE.AP (QUOTED REFTEL), OFFICIALLY INFORM MS. DEMARDINEZ AND DR. ALLEN OF DISSOLUTION OF LAA AND PASS TO THEM OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED PARAS 6 AND 7 ABOVE. ALSO ADVISE WHERE TO FORWARD COPIES OF DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND CHECKBOOKS.
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